

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 16, 19-22 and 28, and add new claims 31-36, as shown below in the detailed listing of all claims which are, or were, in the application:

Claims 1-30 (canceled).

31. (New) A method for treatment of a local inflammatory disease or disorder, comprising

formulating a pharmaceutical composition consisting essentially of an active substance, said active substance consisting of a pharmaceutically acceptable agent or salt thereof capable of acidifying cell cytoplasm, said agent being an acid having a dissociation constant, expressed as its negative logarithm pKa, in the range of 6.7 to 7.4,

adjusting said pharmaceutical composition to a pH range of 6.1 to 7.0, and

administering said pharmaceutical composition to a person or animal in need thereof,

wherein the agent comprises an organic acid having a heterocyclic ring selected from the group consisting of imidazole,

thiazole, thiophene, furan, oxazole, triazole, tetrazole, pyrazole, pyridine, pyrimidine and triazine.

32. (New) The method of claim 31, further comprising  
inhibiting a reaction involving activation of cells of the  
innate immune system.

33. (New) The method of claim 32, wherein said reaction is a  
member of the group consisting of contact hypersensitivity  
reactions, delayed type hypersensitivity reactions, acute graft  
rejection, psoriasis, dermatitis, periodontitis, mastitis, and  
vasculitis.

34. (New) The method of claim 31, wherein the agent is  
administered systemically or locally.

35. (New) The method of claim 34, where said agent is administered  
locally.

36. (New) The method according to claim 31, wherein the agent is  
*cis*-urocanic acid.